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**NATIONAL WORK ZONE MEMORIAL COMING TO NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**ON DISPLAY MAY 30 - JUNE 1 AT SEABROOK WELCOME CENTER ON I-95**

A national memorial unveiled last year to remember those killed in highway work zones across the country is making its first visit to New Hampshire this week.

The New Hampshire Road Agents Association is responsible for bringing the National Work Zone Memorial to the state. The memorial wall will be displayed on Thursday, May 29 at the Road Agent Association's 16<sup>th</sup> annual "Mountain of Demonstrations" being held at the Gunstock Recreation Area in Gilford. A ceremony will be held at the wall at 10:00 AM.

On Friday, May 30 the National Work Zone Memorial will be set up for public viewing at the Interstate 95 northbound Welcome Center in Seabrook. It will remain there on display through Sunday, June 1.

Among the more than 700 names that appear on the memorial's multi-paneled wall is that of Danny Carswell, a 33-year old employee of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation's Turnpikes Bureau, who was struck and killed by a motorist in the median of the Everett Turnpike in Nashua while working as part of a mowing crew on September 23, 1997.

Sponsored by the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA), the National Work Zone Memorial aims to promote work zone safety to the public by remembering highway workers, police officers, motorists, passengers and pedestrians who have lost their lives in highway work zones.

Work zone fatalities continue to rise across the country. Over the last 5 years the number of persons killed in motor vehicle crashes in work zones has gone from 693 in 1997 to a high of 1,079 in 2001 (an average of 888 fatalities per year). An average of 40,000 people a year are injured in highway work zones, and more than 80 percent of the fatalities involve motorists rather than workers in the zones.

More information on the National Work Zone Memorial can be found on the Internet at [http://www.atssa.com/pubinfo/nwz\\_memorial.htm](http://www.atssa.com/pubinfo/nwz_memorial.htm).

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